

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Brief Description of the Drawings

Please replace paragraph 0019 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 12a, 12b, and 12c are various views of an exemplary embodiment of a paneling unit of the present invention.

In the Detailed Description of Exemplary Embodiment(s)

Please replace paragraph 0036 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Figure **12a**, **12b**, and **12c**, and with even greater detail in Figure **13**, an exemplary embodiment of a paneling unit of the present invention may have a plurality of drainage grooves **330** oriented at an angle of approximately 30° from vertical with respect to the longitudinal length of the drainage groove **330**. Alternatively, the drainage grooves of other embodiments of the present invention may be placed at other angles on the surface of the backing portion. Preferred embodiments will typically have drainage grooves on the surface of the backing portion of the paneling unit in a generally downward trend so as to facilitate the drainage of liquid. Other alternative embodiments of the present invention may use drainage grooves that intersect other drainage grooves. In addition, alternative embodiments of the present invention may use patterns of drainage grooves not necessarily defined by straight lines that facilitate the drainage of liquid.

Please replace paragraph 0037 with the following rewritten paragraph:

With regard to the connector grooves **340** as shown in Figures **12a**, **12b**, **12c**, and **13**, the connector grooves are shown as being in a generally horizontal orientation. Alternative embodiments of the present invention allow for connector grooves to be generally oriented in any direction. It is preferred that at least one connector groove intersects at least two drainage grooves on a surface of a backing portion of a paneling unit. Generally, the relationship between a plurality of drainage grooves and at least one connector groove on a surface of a backing portion of a paneling unit is that the grooves are hydraulically connected.